supplies foodgrains to States/UTs for issue through fair price shops at Central Issue Prices (CIP) which are subsidised. In RPDS areas the CIP is further subsidised and is Rs. 50 per quintal less than CIP for normal PDS areas, States/UTs have also been advised to add not more than 25 paise per kg. over and above CIP while fixing the end retail prices in RPDS areas. The States/UTs are free to further subsidise the prices on their own while fixing the end retail prices for fair price shops. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Orissa, Gujarat, Maharashtra extend further subsidy from their own funds. The Central Government does not give additional subsidy for such schemes of States/UTs.

**Jobs for Educated Unemployed Youth in Uttar Pradesh**

2191. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Graduate/Under graduate/Post-graduate unemployed youths registered with the employment exchanges in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government * have launched any speedy programme to provide jobs to all those unemployed persons during the period of 1996-97, 1997-98 and the number of youths employed during the 1995-96 till date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The number of educated (matric & above) jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the Live register of employment exchanges in Uttar Pradesh as at the end of 1991, 1992 and 1993 (latest available) is indicated below:

(In thousands)

| Year | Under Graduate (Matric & above but below Graduate) | Graduate | Post-Graduate |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1991 | 1501.9 | 325.8 | 75.1 |
| 1992 | 1429.6 | 291.6 | 72.1 |
| 1993 | 1340.4 | 274.4 | 64.7 |

(c) and (d) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan envisages a strategy for accelerated growth of productive employment opportunities in the country, based on faster growth of employment intensive sectors, sub-sectors and activities. In addition to various employment geneation schemes, the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana aimed . t providing self-employment opportunities to the educated unemployed youth, is being implemented in all the States.

The number of job-seekers placed in employment during the year 1995-96 by the employment exchanges in U.P. was 10 thousand.

**Performance of Public Sector Enterprises**

2192. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a well-deserved focus on the need to make the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) perform better;

(b) if so, step being taken by Government in this behalf;

(c) whether root cause of their problems lies in many unhealthy practices that affect their functioning and which go against public interest;

(d) if so, the details of the unhealthy practices alongwith the steps Government have taken to remove them;